

Urban District of Wirksworth



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Public Health Inspector

for the year

1965

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1965

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Urban District Council of Wirksworth

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Wirksworth,
Derbyshire.

29 DEC 1966

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances of the Urban Distruct for the year ended 31st December, 1966.

The Registrar General's estimate of population for mid 1965 was 5,080, an increase of 20 over that for 1964. In estimating the population, the Registrar states that account has been taken of the figures produced by the Census carried out in April, 1961.

The total number of live births registered during the year was 100, a decrease of 68 on the 1964 figure.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 60, (that is 29 Males and 31 Females), and this figure shows a decrease of 8 on that for the previous year's figures. There were 2 still births during the year, all males.

Deaths from cancer of all sites numbered 10 and deaths from cancer of the lungs and bronchus were classed as being responsible for 2 deaths a decrease of 1 on the previous year's figures.

The Infant Mortality Rate of 19.7 for England and Wales was again the lowest ever recorded in this country.

A total of 21 notifications of infectious diseases were recorded (as against 4 notifications received during 1964,) made up as follows :-
Measles 4, Chicken Pox 16 and Puerperal Pyrexia 1.

During 1965 I am pleased to report that we received no notifications of food poisoning cases in this district.

At the time of writing this report, Diphtheria has once again struck in Derbyshire. Unfortunately two children died in the very early stages and many contacts had to be followed up. This once again, emphasizes the only answer to this disease is, that immunisation of all children is a must for all parents.

I have once again, to place on record my thanks to the Chairman, and members of the Health Committee, to Dr. Morgan, the County Medical Officer, to the General Practitioners, the Clerk of the Council, and the Public Health Inspector and other Chief Officers, for their support and assistance, and to the staff of the Department for their untiring efforts during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W.J. MORRISSEY
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area of District in Acres	4015
Estimated Mid-Year Population, 1966	5,080
Estimated Number of houses	1,889
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers	1,900
Rateable Value	£134,755
Product of Penny Rate	£525

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	54	46	100
Legitimate	50	43	93
Illegitimate	4	3	7
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	19.68		
Area Comparability Factor	0.99		
Adjusted Birth Rate	19.48		
England and Wales Birth Rate for 1965	18.00		

Illegitimate Live Births formed 7% of the total live births

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	2	-	2
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	19.61		
England and Wales Still Birth Rate for 1965	19.61		

Total Live and Still Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	56	46	102
Legitimate	52	43	95
Illegitimate	4	3	7

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	29	31	60
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	11.81		
Area Comparability Factor	1.10		
Adjusted Death Rate	13.93		
England and Wales Death Rate for 1965	11.5		

Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 Year)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	1	-	1
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate

Total Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live Births	10.00
Infant Mortality Rate England and Wales for 1965	
Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	10.06
Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	Nil

Neo-Natal Mortality - (Deaths under 4 weeks)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births Nil

Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births Nil

Perinatal Mortality (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	2	-	2
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births 19.61

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths Nil

Death from Cancer (all forms)

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
4	6	10

Deaths from Cancer (Lung and Bronchus)

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
2	-	2

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING 1965

The following table shows the causes of deaths registered during 1965.

<u>Cause of Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilitic Disease	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	4	5
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	2	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	8	7	15
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
Other Heart Disease	1	4	5
Other Circulatory Disease	3	3	6
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Bronchitis	4	2	6
Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	1	1
All Other Accidents	1	1	2
Suicide	-	1	1
Total	29	31	60

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The total of notifications of infectious disease received during 1965 was 21 as compared with 4 in 1965.

Details of notifications received and the number removed to hospital are shown in the following table.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	
	<u>Notified</u>	<u>Removed to Hospital</u>
Measles	4	-
Chicken Pox	16	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1
Total	21	1

Tabulated below is the age incidence of infectious disease notified during 1965.

<u>Disease</u>	Under 1 Year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-25	25 and over	Age Unknown	Total
Measles	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4
Chicken Pox	-	-	1	-	-	7	5	1	1	1	16
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total	-	-	3	-	-	9	5	1	2	1	21

B.C.G. VACCINATION

The two schemes in operation that is the scheme administered by the Chest Physician on the one hand and the County Council Scheme on the other, continued to operate throughout the year. The Scheme administered by the Chest Physician is limited to children who have been in contact with cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and the County Council Scheme is for school children of the age of 13 years and upwards.

DIPHTHERIA AND DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

I am indebted to Dr. J.B.S. Morgan, County Medical Officer, who has kindly supplied the following details regarding Diphtheria Immunisations carried out during the year in this district.

Record cards received during the year in respect of children immunised during the year.

Primary Immunisation	-	94
Booster Injections	-	90

This gives a decrease of 72 primary immunisations and 25 booster injections as compared with last year's figures.

POLIOMYELITIS AND POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

It gives me great pleasure once again to report that no confirmed cases of poliomyelitis occurred in the district during the year, but freedom from infection can only be maintained if parents continue to bring their children for vaccination.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

Arrangements for immunisation against these two complaints is available through the Derbyshire County Council and the same arrangements remained in force throughout the year. Injection are given at the County Council Clinic, or by the General Practitioners and booster doses are given after the recommended interval has elapsed.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

These two Acts give authority to secure necessary care and attention for persons who :-

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic diseases, or being aged and infirm or physically incapacitated are living in insanitary conditions, and
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

It was not found necessary to take any formal action under these Acts during the year.

WELFARE SERVICES

Ante-Natal Clinic

Matlock, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Tel. Matlock 2493

Relaxation Class

Matlock, County Council Clinic, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane, Thursday 2.p.m. to 4 p.m. Tele Matlock 2493

Infant Welfare Centre

Wirksworth, Memorial Hall, Main Street. Tuesday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Welfare Foods Distribution Centres

Middleton-by-Wirksworth, Southam's General Stores, The Green. Shop Hours
Wirksworth, Memorial Hall. Tuesday, 1.30 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.

Dental Clinic

Matlock, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane, (Temporarily unstaffed)
Tel: Matlock 2493

Eye Clinic

Matlock, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane. 1st and 3rd Friday, a.m. Tel Matlock 2493.

Minor Ailment Clinic

Matlock, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane. Tuesday a.m. Doctor present.
Tel. Matlock 2493

Orthopaedic Clinics

Derby, Cathedral Road. Thursday Tel. Derby 45934.
Matlock, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane. Tuesday Tel. Matlock 2493.

Speech Therapy Clinics

Derby, Cathedral Road. By Appointment. Tel Derby 45934.

Matlock, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane. (Temporarily unstaffed). Tel. Matlock 2493

Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinic

Matlock, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane. 4th Saturday a.m. Tel. Matlock 2493

Chiropody Clinic

Matlock, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane. Tuesday p.m., Friday a.m. Tel Matlock 2493

Chest Clinic

Derby, 93 Green Lane.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays (Contacts only) 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. By appointment only at all sessions. Tel Derby 40366

EXFOLIATIVE CYTOLOGY (COMMONLY CALLED SMEAR TESTS FOR CANCER OF THE NECK OF THE UTERUS).

Derbyshire County Council accepts the value of exfoliative cytology in the early diagnosis of cancer of the cervix of the uterus, and since 29th June, 1964, the County Health Committee agreed to some of their medical staff collecting smears for cytological examination at certain County Council Clinics, and these facilities are now available at :-

Belper Clinic, Field Lane, Belper.

Derby Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.

Matlock Clinic, Dean Hill House, Causeway Lane, Matlock.

Ripley Clinic, Derby Road, Ripley and

St. Oswald's Hospital, Ashbourne.

For appointment please contact the Health Visitors at each clinic.

BACTERIOLOGICAL

All Bacteriological Examinations in connection with milk, water, food supplies and infectious disease are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, (Medical Research Council) 121a Osmaston Road, Derby (Telephone Derby 45597).

Specimens taken by Medical Practitioners are forwarded direct to the Laboratory and the results are not communicated to this department except when a positive result leads to notification under the Infectious Diseases Regulations.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER
INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT

HOSPITALS

The local Maternity Hospital under the Number 2 Hospital Management Committee of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board functions as an 18 bedded Maternity Hospital and draws its cases from a wide area.

The Royal Infirmary, Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital and City Hospital, Derby, under the Number 1 Hospital Management Committee of the Regional Board, take Surgical, Medical and Gynaecological cases, and admissions are conducted on a bed-bureau system. The City Hospital has an obstetrical wing which caters for abnormal cases.

1. Professional Nursing in the Home :

- (a) General Nurse :- one, under the supervision of the County Authority. Holiday and Relief inter-change with neighbouring authority of Ashbourne.

2. Midwifery : under the supervision of the County Authority.

- (b) One Midwife Holiday and Relief inter-change with Matlock.

3. Clinics and Treatment Centres :-

- (a) Maternity (1) At Wirksworth Maternity Hospital for Wirksworth Hospital cases only.

(2) Centre at Matlock, under the control of the County Authority.

(3) City Hospital, Derby.

- (b) Child Welfare Centre at Wirksworth, under the control of the County Authority.

- (c) School Clinics Centre at Wirksworth, under the control of the County Authority.

- (d) Tuberculosis Clinics Centre at Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale.
Centre also at Green Lane, Derby both controlled by the Hospital Authority.

- (e) Venereal Diseases Clinic At the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby.

4. Other Hospitals for the District

- (a) Tuberculosis Walton Hospital, Chesterfield.

- (b) Maternity (1) Wirksworth Maternity Hospital.
(2) City Hospital, Derby (abnormal cases admitted)
(3) Accommodation is provided at Darley Hall Maternity Hospital, Darley Dale, Matlock.

- (c) Infectious Cases These continue to be allocated through the Bed Bureau to the Derwent Hospital.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS AND
LOCAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

	<u>Date of Adoption</u>
Infectious Disease (prevention) Act, 1890	6th December, 1893
Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1890, Part III (Subject to certain conditions as to Sec. 35 and 38 order L.G.B. No.59992 of 22nd January, 1913)	5th March, 1913
Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1907 (subject to certain conditions as to Sects. 25,27 and 30 Order L.G.B. No. 63662, 29th May, 1915)	12th July, 1915
<u>Byelaws</u> :-	
New Streets and Buildings .. - 1939	
Common Lodging Houses .. - 1879	
Nuisances .. - 1879	
Cleaning Footways, Removal of House Refuse and Cleaning Closets, Privies, Ashpits and Cesspools - 1879	
Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1949, for securing the observances of Sanitary and Cleanly Conditions and Practices in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food etc.	10th July, 1950
Shops Act, 1912 - 28	25th August, 1930
Shops Act, 1934	26th November, 1934
Offensive Trades Order Of L.G.B. No 63721 of 18th June, 1915, confirming Council's Order of 26th April, 1915, containing list of offensive trades.	26th April, 1915
Chicken-pox Compulsory Notification Order for Compulsory Notification	22nd February, 1926
Public Health Act, 1925. Parts II to IV except Section 21, 22 and 44	2nd May, 1927
Shops Act, 1934, came into operation by adoption, 1936	1936
Derbyshire County Council Act, 1954	30th July, 1954
<u>Byelaws (Water)</u>	
Prevention of Waste, Undue Consumption, Misuse and Contamination of Water	11th May, 1955

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR
THE WIRKSWORTH URBAN DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR, 1965

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

J. Taylor, F.F.S., M.B.S.H.,
M.A.P.H.I.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again I have the honour and pleasure of presenting to you my Annual Report. This report has been prepared in accordance with the instructions which I have received from the Ministry of Health under Regulations 5 (3) and 15 (5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959, which define the scope of this Annual Report. The Minister regards the report as an essential and valuable appraisal of the state of the Public Health in the area, and in order to comply with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/66 this report covers the following matters :-

In accordance with the Minister's wish, the qualifications and duties of the Authority's Public Health Officers are published on page one of this report, together with a list indicating the Members of the Council who are concerned with matters of Public Health.

This document is the twentieth Annual Report which I have prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Health on behalf of the Wirksworth Urban District Council :-

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Estimated Population 5080

Estimated Number of Houses 1889

	Number on Register	Increase or Decrease	Inspections Made
Bakehouses	1	-	3
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Dairies	8	-	16
Factories and Workplaces	33	+1	60
Houses let in lodgings	-	-	-

	Number on Register	Increase or Decrease	Inspections made
Ice Cream Premises			
(a) Manufacturers	-	-	-
(b) Dealers	20	-	134
Market Stalls	50	+14	52
Milk Distributors	8	-	16 + visits by County Public Health Inspector
Moveable Dwelling Sites	(1 site only with temporary T.P. approval which expires 31st March, 1966). 8 other sites not licenced from which caravans removed after formal and informal action.		
Offensive Trades	-	-	-
Outworkers	14	+11	14
Preserved Food Stores	6	-	12
Shops	75	+1	25
Slaughterhouses			
(a) Public Abattoir	-	-	-
(b) Private Abattoir	-	-	-
Knackers Yards	-	-	-

SWIMMING BATHS

No. of Baths		Samples Taken	
Public	Private (open to public)	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

CONVERSIONS

Number of Houses converted from Pail Closets, Privies, etc., to Water closets during the year 1965 - ONE

Number of Pail Closets, etc., converted to Water Closets during the past ten years :-

Years	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Number	2	Nil	1	2	3

Years	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Number	1	1	Nil	1	1

Number of Conversions of Privies into Pail Closets - Nil

Approximate number of houses at 31st December, 1965 with :-

- (a) Privy Middens - 48
- (b) Pail Closets - 73
- (c) Water Closets - 1768

SEWAGE AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

	<u>Estimated Population</u> <u>involved</u>	
No. of houses in District connected to sewers	1834	4915
No. of houses in District not connected to sewers	55	165
No. of connections made during the year :-		
(a) existing houses	.....	.....
(b) new houses	.....	.....
(c) other premises	.....	.....
No. of conversions of other closets to W.C.s	1	.....

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION LIST

It is suggested that the following list of statistics will be of interest to the Council and these have been amended to date :-

<u>1. DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Hereditaments</u>	
(a) R.V. not exceeding £30 ...	769	..... 14,640
(b) R.V. exceeding £30 but not exceeding £56 ...	466	..... 20,145
(c) R.V. exceeding £56 but not exceeding £100 ...	437	..... 29,793
(d) R.V. exceeding £100 but not exceeding £200 ...	34	..... 4,036
<u>2. AGRICULTURAL</u>	30	..... 930
<u>3. LICENSED PREMISES</u>	16	..... 2,402
<u>4. COMMERCIAL</u>	277	..... 9,994
<u>5. INDUSTRIAL</u>	26	..... 37,321
<u>6. PUBLIC UTILITY</u>	5	..... 8,001
<u>7. ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATIONAL</u> ..	11	..... 558
<u>8. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL</u>	8 3,447
<u>9. MISCELLANEOUS</u>	28 3,488

Totals	2,107134,755
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HOUSING BY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

This remains one of the most important health items for which the Local Authority is responsible, namely, the rehousing of families living in overcrowded or insanitary conditions.

I am informed by the Housing Manager, that at the end of 1965, there were 61 applications on the 'waiting list', divisible into the following groups :-

Applicants living within the Urban District	31
Applicants living outside the Urban District	13
Applicants requiring old people dwellings (not including existing tenants).	17
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TOTAL	61
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With reference to my 1964 Report, Ministerial approval was granted for the erection of 10 Old Peoples Flats in Kingsfield Road, and the development commenced September, 1965. These flats are to be fully centrally heated from a communal boiler sited centrally within the block of flats. Domestic hot water will also be obtained from this communal boiler. It is hoped that these flats will be completed and occupied by the late summer of 1966. The scheme is certainly an imaginative one and provision has been made for the completion of Kingsfield Road (a cul-de-sac) with further flats of a similar nature.

The development by the Council on the main housing site west of Derby Road, Wirksworth, in order to provide building plots for private developers, has continued apace.

HOUSING - GENERALLY

The work of securing essential repairs to rented houses in the district was maintained at much the same level as in 1964. This routine, but essential work carried out by informal action with property owners entails a considerable number of meetings and liaisons with solicitors, owners and occupiers by virtue of the fact that the action is informal and not statutory.

However, it has always been my experience that when informal action is carried to a successful conclusion, the result is more satisfactory to all parties concerned than when the Council is forced to take statutory action, although as I have already pointed out this informal action by its very nature, is most time consuming.

The measure of success obtained may be seen by reference to Table C showing Unfit houses made fit by owners after informal action by the Local Authority.

Certificates of Disrepair

No Certificates of Disrepair were either applied for or issued during 1965, and one can only conclude that such tenants as have cause for complaint prefer to obtain redress for their housing grievances by direct complaint to this Department for action under the appropriate sections of the Public Health Acts.

Slum Clearance

Owing to the fact that no new Council Houses were completed in 1965 the progress under this heading has been very limited indeed, and for your information, the following table shows the total number of houses dealt with by the Department since the Ministry called for a review :-

Total number of Houses Demolished or Closed or under an undertaking,

1.1.55 to 31.12.65 46

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Work on improving suitable houses continued during the year at a steady rate. Sixteen applications for Standard Grants were received during the year as compared with a total of eleven in 1964. All these Standard Grant Applications were approved. This work is, I think, one of the most satisfying aspects of the Department's work, as the applicant is in all cases very satisfied, with his improved standard of living, and in each case a house has been brought up to a standard which is more in keeping with modern ideas.

It is also undoubtedly a fact that this work of improving houses leads to an improved standard of maintenance which, in the long term, prevents the deterioration of a house into a slum dwelling, thus avoiding the provision of a new Council dwelling in which to rehouse the occupants.

The following particulars of formal applications received and approved for Standard Grants from the inauguration of the scheme will no doubt be of interest to members of the Council :-

Received - 101

G R A N T S A P P R O V E D

Number of Dwellings Concerned - 100

Total Maximum Amount £13,816. 3. 2.
Approved

Number of amenities provided as at 31st December,

Fixed bath or shower	Wash basin	Hot water supply	Water closet	Food storage facilities
93	94	90	85	57

Discretionary Grants :- There were no actual applications for Discretionary Grants during the year.

Local Authority Building has been dealt with in my preceding section of this Report, but there still remains the question of private building, upon which you will wish to have information.

A total of 18 privately developed houses and bungalows have been completed and occupied during the year under review, with a further 12 under construction at 31st December, 1965.

Further to last year's report, the development of the private estate at Willowbath Lane and Ian Avenue, which had been delayed was completed in May, 1965. On the other private estate in the Nan Gells Hill area, six out of the eleven houses have now been completed.

Reference under the heading of Housing by U.D.C. will, remind you that those portions of the Council's Estates set aside for private ownership have developed quite rapidly. The manner in which this Estate has been developed by the Council (i.e. roads and sewers constructed by the U.D.C. and individual houses and bungalows by private persons) has proved very successful and has undoubtedly filled a much needed want in this District. In the majority of this private building the Council have loaned the money to the prospective purchasers and in this way have increased the rateable value by not only making available money for the actual building of the houses and bungalows, but also have provided the funds for these persons to purchase the Council's own land.

I think the members of the Council will be interested in the following table, which indicates the total number of houses completed by both Private Enterprise and the Local Authority in the Wirksworth Urban District since building recommenced after the last war.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1965

Local Authorities	Local Authorities and Housing Associations		Private Builders		Demolished or Closed or under an Undertaking 1.1.55 to 31.12.65
	Under Construction	Completed since 1.4.45	Under Construction	Completed since 1.4.45	
NIL	14	295	12	191	46

The following table on housing statistics shows the results which have been obtained during the past year with regard to the repair and maintenance of old properties.

NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR 1965

- 1. By Private Enterprise - 18
- 2. By Local Authority - Nil

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

Not in Clearance Areas

As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Houses Demolished	Displaced	
	Persons	Families
1	-	-
-	-	-

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

Under Section 16(4), 17(1) - 35(1) Housing Act, 1957

Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957

Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957.

Houses Closed	Displaced	
	Persons	Families
1	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

After informal action by Local Authority

After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts, Sec.9 and 16

(b) Housing Act, 1957

Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957

By owner	and	Local Authority
108		
-		-
-		-
-		-

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

TENTS, VANS AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES
CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Once again, the Council have continued to exercise strict control throughout the whole of their area during the year, with the result that there has been no real growth of undesirable unlicensed dwellings or sites within the boundaries of the Urban District.

Sporadic cases have occurred, of course, and these have been dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

In all, eight sites were dealt with by me during the year and after informal action I was successful in securing compliance with the Act and the removal of the vans from unlicensed sites in all cases.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No. of caravan sites licensed for holiday purposes Nil containing Nil
Caravans

No. of caravan sites licensed for residential
purposes
(With temporary approval only) Nil containing Nil
Caravans

No. of caravans licensed individually 1 (with temporary approval only expiring
31st March, 1966).

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION

It is indeed gratifying to be able to report that during the year 1965, there were no cases of infectious diseases notified within the Urban Area which necessitated the Medical Officer of Health instructing me to carry out disinfection.

DISINFESTATION

Once again no cases of bed bug infestation were brought to my notice during the year.

As in previous years, complaints were received from time to time regarding infestation of old properties with woodworm and the death watch beetle, and in all instances the occupants were given the necessary advice and instructions on how to deal with these pests.

The Council's Powder Blowers and Insecticide Sprayers were used whenever necessary with gratifying results, and a number of infestations of cockroaches (*Blattella Germanica*) yielded to extensive treatment, which consisted of the use of smoke generators.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE ACT, 1958;

FOOD HYGIENE

The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations (Appointed Day No.4)
Order, 1961

The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations,
Appointed Day - No.4 Order, 1961

No further action has been taken by any butcher to comply with the above Orders which came into operation on the 1st January, 1962, and consequently there are now no licensed slaughterhouses within the Urban District of Wirksworth.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919

INFESTATION ORDER, 1942, AND PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Foreman, Mr. Walter Butlin, and your Cemetery Curator, Mr. J. Sheldon, act as Rodent Operators, and they carried out the routine work of this nature during 1965.

Throughout the whole of the period under review, the Urban District has worked in the closest co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food Divisional Pests Officer, Mr. F.B. Oates, and again I would like to express my gratitude to him.

In June, Mr. F.B. Oates,, of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food together with your Rodent Operator carried out the sewer testing and treatment of the whole of the sewerage system, when most gratifying results were obtained and recorded. Of 29 manholes treated on 22nd June, there were 8 manholes showing bait taken when reinspected on the 25th June, 1965.

On June 25th and 29th, a further 10 manholes were treated with Warfarin No.5 containing Para-Nitrophenol Preservative and Whole Wheat (Rentokil Bistol Base) and on these occasions there were originally 1 complete take and 8 partial takes, whilst on the final visit there were no complete takes and 4 partial takes. On the final visit 8 ozs. baits were laid in five manholes and the sewer treatments were brought to a successful conclusion.

This close co-operation with the Regional Office is of mutual advantage to both the Council and the Ministry.

During the year, (together with your Public Health Chairman or his substitute) I have also attended the meetings of the Derbyshire Workable area Committees held under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and these have proved most interesting and instructive.

Herewith is the Annual Report required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, for the year ending 31st December, 1965.

	Type of Property				
	Non - Agricultural				(5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses.)	All Other (including Business Premises.)	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District.	8	1891	268	2167	35
Total number of properties inspected as a result of certification.	-	8	5	13	2
Number of such properties found to be infested by :					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	7	4	11	2
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	1	1	2	-
Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act.	8	24	15	47	2
Number of such properties found to be infested by :					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	2	7	4	13	2
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	1	1	2	-
Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose.)	-	431	143	574	33
Number of such properties found to be infested by :					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections (To be completed only if figures readily available.)	40	-	-	40	-
Number of infested properties in Sections II, III & IV created by the L.A.	2	8	5	15	2
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments.	40	-	-	-	-
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :					
a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
b) Structural Work (i.e. proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-

Continued

	- Non - Agricultural				(5) Agricult
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc Council Houses)	(3) All Other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols (1) (2) & (3)	
X. Legal Proceedings (See Xll below)	-	-	-	-	
Xl. Number of 'block' control schemes carried out.	-	-	-	-	

Xll. Where legal proceedings have been instituted by the Local Authority brief particulars should be given here :-

No statutory action was found to be necessary throughout the period under review.

Xlll. Any other points of interest:

1. Increase in the number of Dwelling Houses due to new buildings erected during the year.
2. Reference to my last year's report will remind you that permanent Warfarin baiting points had been established on the Hopton Lane Tip. All Baiting points are adequately protected from the weather and have once again prove eminently satisfactory. This Tip, being situated in the country and surrounded by agricultural lands has remained remarkably free from any major infestation.
3. Inspections are carried out by the Surveyor and by the Foreman in the normal course of their numerous duties - in addition to the specific inspections for Rodent Control. The figures shown in Sec. IV are not, of course, total inspections carried out to all properties within the Wirksworth Urban District but are those which it is felt can be properly allied to Rodent Control under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.
4. Routine sewer treatments, of which, of course, records have been submitted to the Divisional Office, have considerably reduced the surface infestation of rats. (See Items II, III, and IV above).

REFUSE COLLECTION

Despite the vagaries of the weather, which we experience in the hills of Derbyshire, Bank holidays, normal Annual holidays, difficulties caused by sickness, and mechanical breakdowns, it is fair to state that on the whole a weekly collection of household and trade refuse was maintained throughout the District.

In addition to the work of refuse collection a weekly collection of Pail and Privy Closets was also carried out.

All the refuse collected in the Urban District is disposed of at the Hopton Tip for the Wirksworth Town Area and the Middleton Tip takes the Middleton-by-Wirksworth refuse.

The Council are well aware of the limited tipping facilities which remain at the Hopton Tip and I have searched the whole area for a suitable new site without success, although certain suggestions have been put forward and rejected.

At the time of writing this report the Council is considering the extension of the present tipping site at Hopton Lane into the adjoining fields I am in contact with the Area Planning Officer, and the representatives of the owners and the tenant of the plot in question. One would have thought that in a quarrying area such as this, sites would be readily available, but this is not so and the tipping position is now becoming almost desperate.

I can foresee the time rapidly approaching when smaller Council's may have to join forces on the question of refuse disposal and seek one of the alternative means for final disposal by mechanised plant, such as incinerators pulverisers, bio-stabilisers and compost producing plants, etc., a costly undertaking.

Regarding the mechanical side of the collections, I am pleased to report that the Council purchased a new refuse vehicle in December, 1965. It is intended that the old vehicle will be kept as a spare for use in the event of breakdowns. This is obviously a much more satisfactory situation than heretofore.

In all branches of this work I can give no better tribute to the men than to say that more work output was achieved without extra staff. It can probably be said that no service provided by the Local Authority affects every person so intimately as the public cleansing service, where a representative calls regularly each week.

It is, I think, a service taken very much for granted until the rare occasion when for some reason or other the slightest variation from the expected weekly routine emptying of the dustbin occurs. Perversely the better the service the more noticeable any departure from the normal, particularly at holiday times when the men themselves, of course, entitled to expect a rest from their labours.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the manual workers of this Department, under the able supervision of the Foreman, for their work during the year.

COST OF REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

for 1965

(a)	Total cost per head per week for Weekly Refuse Collection	4.82d.
(b)	Cost per head for whole year.	£1. 0. 10.75d.
(c)	Cost per house for whole year	£2.16.2.33d.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

and

PETROLEUM REGULATION ACTS, 1928 - 36

The enforcement of the Petroleum Acts and Regulations is not a minor duty requiring a minimum of attention, on the contrary, such Acts where loss of life, personal injury or damage to property may result through lack of proper enforcement, require a high standard of technical knowledge for their proper performance.

During the year, visits were made to premises for the purpose of the inspection and examination of sites, installations and the electrical equipment associated with the pumps. The number of licences issued was fifteen and the fees for licensing, etc., amounted to £11. 5. 0.

On every occasion whenever it has been necessary, I have received the closest co-operation and assistance from the Fire Prevention Officers of the Derbyshire County Council through their Chief Fire Officer, Mr. H.J. Terry.

All new tanks together with these which have been installed for more than 20 years are subjected to pressure tests.

WATER SUPPLY

The South Derbyshire Water Board provide the water supply for the town, and I am indebted to Mr. I.G. Edwards, Engineer and General Manager, South Derbyshire Water Board for his observations which are given below :-

- (a) The water supply to the area has been adequate in quantity and generally satisfactory in quality.
- (b) Regular examination is made of both raw and treated waters. A total of 100 bacteriological, 3 chemical and 99 partial chemical samples were taken during the year, both at the Works and from various points in the Wirksworth Urban District. Of the 100 bacteriological samples, 1 indicated the presence of coliforms but further check samples in all cases indicated coliform-free waters.

The supply to the area is derived from two local sources (Washgreen Springs and Lady Flatte Mine) together with a blended water consisting of spring water from Matlock and a supply from Derwent Valley Water Board. The blended water supplies consumers in the Middleton and Bolehill areas of Wirksworth and analyses enclosed with the 1964 Report are typical of the water supplied.

- (c) None of the water as supplied to the consumers in this area is liable to plumbo-solvent action.
- (d) All water is chlorinated before being passed into supply.
- (e) The number of dwelling houses and the number of population supplied.
 - (i) Number of dwelling houses and houses and shops - 1753
 - (ii) Estimated population supplied - 5056
 - (iii) I have no record of the number of houses supplied by means of standpipes

TESTING AND SAMPLING

(a) Twenty-six samples in all were submitted to the Director of the Public Health Laboratory during the year by me, twenty-four of which, were satisfactory. Whenever I do receive a report from the Bacteriologist to the effect that one of my samples is unsatisfactory, then I immediately contact the Deputy Manager of the South Derbyshire Water Board and notify him of this result, so that he may take the necessary remedial action.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE WATER BOARD
CHEMICAL AND MINERAL ANALYSIS

Sampling Point MIDDLETON SCHOOL

Source (if known) MATLOCK WOLDS
 & D.V.W.B.

(a) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION :

Colour (Hazen) 3
 Turbidity (Silica Scale) 41 .
 Taste None
 Odour None
 Suspended matter (Microscopical examination) -

(b) CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

pH	7.9
Electrical Conductivity at 20°C	159
	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Residual Chlorine :-	
Free	-
Monochloramines	-
Di Chloramines	-
Total	0.08
Free and Saline Ammonia as N	0.01
Albuminoid Ammonia as N	0.02
Nitrite as Nitrogen as N	0.010
Nitrate Nitrogen as N	0.5
Oxygen obsorbed from Permanganate in 4 hours at 27°C	0.24
Dissolved Oxygen	11.2
B.O.D.	-
Free CO ₂	1
Total Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	-

Hardness as CaCO_3 :-	
Temporary	45
Permanent	21
Total	66
Calcium Hardness (CaCO_3)	-
Magnesium Hardness (CaCO_3)	-
Total Solids (dried at 180°C)	97
Suspended Solids (dried at 105°C)	-

(c) MINERAL ANALYSIS

Calcium as Ca	18.0
Magnesium as Mg	5.1
Sodium as Na	8.6
Potassium as K	-
Iron as Fe	0.07
Manganese as Mn	0.09
Copper as Cu	None detected
Lead as Pb	<0.05
Zinc as Zn	0.03
Aluminium as Al	-
Silica as SiO_2	10.7
Sulphates as SO_4	23.5
Chlorides as Cl	13
Fluorides as F	0.13
Phosphates as PO_4	-
Nitrate as NO_3 (calculated)	2.2

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE WATER BOARD
LABORATORY AT LITTLE EATON
CHEMICAL AND MINERAL ANALYSIS..

Sampling Point D.C.C. DEPOT WIRKSWORTH

Source (if known) LADY FLATT
BOREHOLE

(a) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION :

Colour (Hazen)	<1
Turbidity (Silica Scale)	<1
Taste	None
Odour	None
Suspended matter (Microscopical examination)	-

(b) CHEMICAL ANALYSIS :

pH	7.8
Electrical Conductivity at 20°C	437
	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Residual Chlorine :-	
Free	-
Monochloramines	-
Di Chloramines	-
Total	0.10
Free and Saline Ammonia as N	< 0.01
Albuminoid Ammonia as N	< 0.01
Nitrite as Nitrogen as N	< 0.001
Nitrate Nitrogen as N	1.1
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate in 4 hours at 27°C	< 0.10
Dissolved Oxygen	9.7
B.O.D.	-
Free CO ₂	6
Total Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	-
Hardness as CaCO ₃ :-	
Temporary	216
Permanent	32
Total	248
Calcium Hardness (CaCO ₃)	-
Magnesium Hardness (CaCO ₃)	-

(b) CHEMICAL ANALYSIS : (Continued)

Total Solids (dried at 180°C)	300
Suspended solids (dried at 105°C)	-

(c) MINERAL ANALYSIS :

Calcium as Ca	85.0
Magnesium as Mg	8.5
Sodium as Na	4.5
Potassium as K	-
Iron as Fe	0.01
Manganese as Mn	None detected
Copper as Cu	< 0.05
Lead as Pb	< 0.05
Zinc as Zn	0.23
Aluminium as Al	-
Silica as SiO ₂	7.9
Sulphates as SO ₄	27.4
Chlorides as Cl	11
Fluorides as F	0.34
Phosphates as PO ₄	-
Nitrate as NO ₃ (calculated)	4.9

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE WATER BOARD
LABORATORY AT LITTLE EATON
CHEMICAL AND MINERAL ANALYSIS

Sampling Point	Wash Green Reservoir
	Wirksworth
Source (if known)	Washgreen Res.

(a) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION :

Colour (Hazen)	. . . . . 2
Turbidity (Silica Scale)	. . . . . 0.8
Taste	. . . . . None
Odour	. . . . . None
Suspended Matter (Microscopical examination) -

(b) CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

pH	. . . . . 7.6
Electrical Conductivity at 20°C	. . . . . 167
	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Residual Chlorine :-	
Free -
Monochloramines -
Di Chloramines -
Total	. . . . . 0.04
Free and Saline Ammonia as N	. . . . . <0.01
Albuminoid Ammonia as N.	. . . . . <0.01
Nitrite Nitrogen as N	. . . . . None detected
Nitrate Nitrogen as N	. . . . . 1.5
Oxygen obsorned from Permanganate in 4 hours at 27°C	. . . . . <0.10
Dissolved Oxygen	. . . . . 11.8
B.O.D. -
Free CO ₂	. . . . . 2
Total Alkalinity (CaCO ₃) -
Hardness as CaCO ₃ :-	
Temporary	. . . . . 39
Permanent	. . . . . 21
Total	. . . . . 60
Calcium Hardness (CaCO ₃) -
Magnesium Hradness (CaCO ₃) -
Total Solids (dried at 180°C)	. . . . . 111
Suspended solids (dried at 105°C) -

(c) MINERAL ANALYSIS

Calcium as Ca	13.6
Magnesium as Mg	6.3
Sodium as Na	8.1
Potassium as K	-
Iron as Fe	0.04
Manganese as Mn	None detected
Copper as Cu	40.05
Lead as Pb	40.05
Zinc as Zn	40.05
Aluminium as Al	-
Silica as SiO ₂	13.6
Sulphates as SO ₄	15.9
Chlorides as Cl	17
Fluorides as F	0.17
Phosphates as PO ₄	-
Nitrate as NO ₃ (calculated)	6.2
Aluminium as Al	-
Silica as SiO ₂	13.6
Sulphates as SO ₄	15.9
Chlorides as Cl	17
Fluorides as F	0.17
Phosphates as PO ₄	-
Nitrate as NO ₃ (calculated)	6.2

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

(a) Capital Works

No additional capital works were carried out during the year.

(b) Maintenance

Normal day to day repairs and maintenance of the Council's sewerage system sufficed to keep the Town's Public sewers in working order and there have been no particular circumstances worthy of a special report up to December, 1965.

FOOD

FOOD PREPARATION ROOMS

Inspections of the Registered Food Preparation Rooms in your area have proved that a good standard has been maintained.

FOOD PREMISES

1. In accordance with the Ministry of Health instructions, the following tables have been compiled and show the number of food premises in the area, by type of business.

<u>TYPE OF BUSINESS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>Number of these Shops which in addition sell Ice-Cream</u>
(a) Groccery and Provisions	18	12
(b) Sweets, Confectionary & Tobacco	7	3
(c) Fish and Chips	2	-
(d) Greengrocers	3	1

	Number	Number of these shops which in addition sell Ice-Cream
(e) Newsagents, Ice-Cream and Sweets	3	3
(f) Pork Butchers	2	-
(g) Butchers	4	-
(h) Chemists (Food and Drugs)	1	-
(i) Cafes	1	1
(j) Bakers and Confectioners	1	-
(k) Public Houses	16	-
Total	58	20

2. (a) Number of Food Premises, by Type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act :-

Sausage and Meat Manufacture - 6
Ice-Cream - 20

- (b) Number of Dairies Registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959 (Sections 18, 19 & 20)

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3. Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises

These numbers will be seen by reference to the tabel of General Sanitary Administration on the first page of my report and informative comment will be found throughout this report under the individual headings which follow.

4. Educational Activity

With the approval of the Medical Officer of Health, various posters and wall sheets on clean food and the dangers of food poisoning have been displayed in the area. The subject matter of these posters is, of course, changed from time to time.

5. Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned food is disposed of locally, either by incineration wherever possible failing this, on the Council's Refuse Tips.

6. Ice-Cream Regulations

The total registration of premises for the sale of Ice-Cream, now stands at 20. None of the 20 registered retailers of ice-cream actually manufacture ice-cream, but all are registered as retailers of pre-packed, individual ice-creams obtained from manufacturers of national repute. All the 20 premises have been regularly visited by me and monthly samples have been taken wherever possible and submitted to the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination.

The following table shows the results of the samples which I have taken on your behalf during the year 1965.

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Total
126	7	1	-	134

The appendix to Ministry of Health Circular 8/59 gave advice on tests for bacterial cleanliness of ice-cream. The following is the "recommended provison grading based on the methylene blue reduction test in which readings are taken half-hourly" :-

1	fails to reduce in 4 hours
2	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 hours
3	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 hours
4	0

These results mean that, out of a total of 134 samples taken by me, only one was unsatisfactory, and this resulted in the withdrawal of the remaining stocks. Liason with the various firms of manufacturers has been of the highest order and I have no complaints to register regarding the way in which these firms, most of them of national repute, collaborate. In fact, I have on record in writing, their thanks for at all times keeping them fully informed of results, etc.

In all cases, whatever the results, copies of the Laboratory Reports have been forwarded to the respective retailers so that they are kept fully informed. Many retailers continue to display these results in their shop premises for the information of the purchasing public.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 which consolidate and amend the Food Hygiene Regulations, of 1955/57, came into force on the 1st October, 1960.

I have continued to carry out routine hygiene inspections under this heading and it is gratifying to be able to report that, for the most part, all the shops in the Wirksworth and Middleton Areas have now been brought up to and maintained in a satisfactory standard in order to comply with these regulations.

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the Health Circular, 22/58, I have to report that no prosecutions were instigated by my Council under the Food Hygiene Regulations throughout the period under review.

DAIRIES FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 THE MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1959 THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1960

The abovementioned Regulations came into operation on the 1st January, 1961, and transferred to the Food and Drugs Authority the duty of licensing dealers in designated milks. Accordingly, duplicate lists of such dealers, which had, in the past been licensed by the Wirksworth Urban District, were prepared by me and passed to the County Medical Officer of Health's Department. From that date onwards the sampling of designated milks has been carried out by the County Public Health Officer, and he has kindly supplied me with the following information concerning samples taken within your district :-

<u>Untreated Milk</u>			
<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Biological</u>	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
-	-	4	-

<u>Pasteurised Milk</u>			
<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Phosphatase</u>	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
18	-	18	-

<u>Sterilised Milk</u>	
<u>Turbidity</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Total number of Samples - 22	-

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following results and particulars of samples taken in this District on behalf of my Council by the Derbyshire County Council Food and Drugs Authority have once again been supplied to me by the County Analyst, Mr. J. Markland, B.Sc., F.R.I.C.

"16 samples, including 5 milks, were taken under the above Act in the area of the Wirksworth Urban District Council during the year, 1965. All 16 samples were classed as satisfactory."

FISH FRYING PREMISES

The two Fish Frying Premises in the Area received routine inspections during the year, and I am pleased to be able to report that the conditions obtained therein are satisfactory.

There have been no further major alterations worthy of note carried out to either of these premises during the period under review.

Both these fish frying establishments have been completely modernised over the last few years and now they comply in all respects with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

BAKEHOUSES

As will be seen from my statistics under General Sanitary Administration at the commencement of this report, there is now only one bakehouse in use in the Wirksworth Urban District and I can only continue to bring to your notice each year the conditions prevailing in this establishment. No further actual structural improvements have been carried out to this Wirksworth Bakehouse where the business is still carried on in very grim surroundings with little room for extension. I can only repeat what I have reported to you in previous years that I would dearly like to see these premises either brought up to the modern standards now enjoyed by the majority of the workers in this industry, or, alternatively cease to be used.

However, the standard of bread and confectionary produced from these premises appears to be of good quality and I have had no complaints whatsoever from the public during the period under review.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

In July, 1964, my Council were most fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Mr. C.R. Lill, (the retired Chief Public Health Inspector of an adjoining Authority), and he was appointed on a part-time basis to carry out the new duties placed upon the Council by the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. Mr. Lill continued his part-time service until August, 1965, at which time Mr. J.E. MacLeod was appointed full time. Additional Public Health Inspector, and Assistant Surveyor. On the termination of his appointment, the Council expressed their gratitude to Mr. Lill for his invaluable service.

The following tables show the prescribed particulars which have to be included in this Annual Report and which also have to be submitted to the Ministry of Labour under Section 60 :--

TABLE 'A' REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Premises Registered 1965	Premises Registered at end of 1965	Premises receiving a general inspection in 1965
Offices	4	15	5
Retail Shops	2	32	4
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses..	-	1	-

Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	2	11	1
Fuel Storage Depots.	-	-	-
Totals	8	59	10

TABLE 'B'

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises 227

TABLE 'C' ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE.

Class of Workplace	No. of Persons Employed		
(1)	(2)		
Offices	62		
Retail Shops	82		
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses	7		
Catering Establishments open to the public	29		
Canteens	-		
Fuel Storage Depots	-		
Total	180		
Total Males	71		
Total Females	109		

TABLE 'D' Exemptions NIL RETURN Parts 1,2,3,4.

TABLE 'E' Prosecutions NIL RETURN

TABLE 'F' Inspectors Number of 1. Part-time Inspectors appointed under Sec.52(1) or (5)

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	3	Nil	Nil
2. Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	30	42	13	Nil

3. Other premises in which
Section 7 is enforced by
the Local Authority
(excluding out-workers'
premises.)

7

15

Nil

Nil

TOTAL

40

60

18

Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If the defects are discovered on two, three or more separate occasions
they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases.)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	to H.M. Inspector	by.H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
t of Cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2	-	-	-
rcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
reasonable perature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
adequate ventilation(S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
ffective drainage of floors (S.6)	3	3	-	-	-
itary Conveniences (S.7)					
Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
Unsuitable or Defective	1	1	-	-	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
er offences against the (not including offences ating to outwork).	3	3	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	9	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133		Section 134			
	Number of outworkers in Aug. list req. by Sec. 133.1.q.	Number of cases of default in sending lists to Council	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel (Making, cleaning, washing.)	14	-	-	-	-	-
Household Linen, to Lampshades, inclusive.	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	14	-	-	-	-	-

As usual I have received the full co-operation of H.M. Inspector of Factories, and whenever necessary we have discussed problems and on a number of occasions we have visited Factories in this Urban Area together.

Throughout the year, the Factory Inspector has kept me fully informed of all deletions, additions or changes, together with information regarding the use of mechanical power in Factories, within the Urban area, and your Registers have been duly amended and brought up to date.

STAFF

Once again a change of staff occurred in this department during the year. In August, Mr. J.E. MacLeod took up his appointment as full-time additional Public Health Inspector and Assistant Surveyor, and he has been a most valuable addition to my small office staff. I would also like to place on record my appreciation of the services given by Mr. C.R. Lill and for the tireless and excellent work carried out by him in the administration of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, Mr. Lill, ceased his part-time employment with this Authority when Mr. MacLeod took up his appointment

C O N C L U S I O N

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the help and understanding I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and to take this opportunity of saying thank you to the Medical Officer of Health and my colleagues in other Departments who have been helpful at all times.

Finally I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere thanks to the staff of my own department for their work during the year and particularly to Mr. J.E. MacLeod and Mrs. O.S. Atkinson for their loyal support, and without whose help even this review of work done could not be produced.

They have at all times done their best both for the public and myself, services which I feel sure have also been to the benefit of the Council.

I am Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

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